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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, paragraph 13 with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] The system 100 also includes a strainer 110. The strainer includes a first end 111 that at least partially surrounds and contacts a base of the filter 108 at or near the water outlet 106. The strainer 110 also includes a second end 113 that contacts the compartment 102[103] at a point between the water inlet 104 and the water outlet 106, preferably at a spaced distance from the filter 108. The strainer 110 can be made of a porous non-rigid material in the form of a bag or the like, or may be made of other porous materials that can be rigid or semi-rigid. In a particular example, the strainer 110 is a bag-like structure into which the filter 108 can be placed. The bottom of the bag-like structure can be placed with the filter 108 at or near the water outlet 106, and the top of the bag-like structure surrounds the filter 108 contacts the compartment 102 at a level between the water inlet 104 and the water outlet 106. The strainer 110 may be more water-permeable than the filter 108, is adapted to strain or filter particles from the water that are not captured by or embedded in the filter 108. These particles can remain suspended in the water in the compartment 102, particularly when the filter 108 is removed.